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Producers-cum-Consumers Co-operative Societies in Malabar.

* 1242 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount involved in misappropriations in the Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Societies in Malabar and the number of the Societies involved and their names ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation that the administration of the Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Societies should be taken over by the Co-operative Department and if so what action the Government have taken on it?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) The amount involved in the irregularities of office bearers of Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Societies in Malabar during the years 1948–52 is Rs. 3,60,880. The following are the various societies in which the irregularities were committed :—

1 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Tavinhal.

2 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Manantoddy.

3 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Ayancherry.

4 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Payyoli.

5 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Irikkur.

6 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Meenangadi.

7 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Cheruppa.

8 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Meppadi.

9 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Iritty.

10 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Pattambi.

11 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Kongad.

12 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Parli.

13 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Pallikkara.

14 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Trikkandiyur.

15 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Fort Cochin.

16 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Chowa.

17 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Payyannur.

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18 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Chowghat.

19 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Mundur.

20 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Ponnani.

21 Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Society, Nilambur.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Government have since decided that the Collector should continue to be in charge of the Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Societies in the district till such time as they give up the work of distribution of food-grains and are reorganized and transformed into normal types of societies."

Malabar rice stocked in Tirunelveli district.

* 1243 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. T. Kosalram is not in his place. So the question together with the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of stock of Malabar rice in Tirunelveli district during January 1953 with wholesale dealers and Government godowns;

(*b*) whether the Collector of Tirunelveli reported to the Board of Revenue and the Government that the stocks are deteriorating;

(*c*) what were the instructions of the Board as well as the Government to the Collector in this matter;

(*d*) how long was it stocked;

(*e*) when the release order for sale was issued;

(*f*) the price at which the stock was disposed of;

(*g*) what was the loss incurred in this disposal; and

(*h*) who is responsible for this loss?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) There was no stock of Malabar rice in Government godowns in Tirunelveli district in January 1953. A quantity of 84,222 maunds and 17 seers of Malabar rice was held by private wholesalers in the district in that month.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) As the reports received from the Collector of Malabar and the Board in the first instance about the condition of the stocks of Malabar rice imported into Tirunelveli district did not indicate that the stocks had so deteriorated that they could not be preserved for some months the Government